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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 LARRY GIRALDES, JR.,

NO. CIV. S-01-2110 LKK/EFB

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

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14 T. PREBULA, et al.,

15 Defendants.
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17 Plaintiff in this § 1983 case has filed a motion to re-open
18 discovery for the limited purpose of retaining a medical expert,
19 and to re-set pretrial dates. The motion, which is opposed by
20 defendants, is scheduled for hearing on February 27, 2012. The
21 court does not find oral argument to be necessary in this matter,
22 and considers the motion on the papers.

23 Plaintiff's current counsel was appointed on November 14,
24 2011. ECF No. 186. Plaintiff previously proceeded in pro se, except
25 for a seven-month period during which he represented by Ellen Dove,
26 who was relieved as counsel on August 31, 2011.

1 At a status conference held in chambers on December 19, 2011,
2 the court directed plaintiff's counsel to file a motion to re-open
3 discovery. ECF No. 187.

4 Accordingly, the court orders as follows:

5 [1] The hearing on plaintiff's motion to re-open
6 discovery, currently scheduled for February 27, 2012 is
7 VACATED.

8 [2] Plaintiff's motion to re-open discovery for the
9 limited purpose of retaining a medical expert to conduct
10 a thorough review of plaintiff's medical file and to
11 provide a qualified opinion relating to the standard of
12 medical care, ECF No. 189 is GRANTED.

13 [3] All dates set heretofore in this case are VACATED.

14 [4] A status conference to set new dates, including
15 discovery cut-off is SET for March 19, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

16 IT IS SO ORDERED.

17 DATED: February 24, 2012.

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21 LAWRENCE K. KARLTON
22 SENIOR JUDGE
23 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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